

ORLEANS

The Farmers' club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woodbridge on Saturday evening, June 15 with the following program: Song, "Old Folks at Home", by club; question, "If producers and consumers of farm crops had a true understanding of each other's problems would we not be nearer to a rational solution of distribution?" Leader, Clark Palmer, Geo. Woodbridge, music, Misses Mae and Ethel Wilkinson; discussion, "Rural Education," led by Mrs. Young; recitation, Mary Woodbridge; current events, Ernest Woodbridge; question box, Clyde Beach; closing song, "America," by club.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hulbert and sons, Lester and Stowell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Faxon of Muir.

Wid Howe visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howe, also Zala Howe and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Evans and son Louie and Miss Margaret Hinds of Grand Rapids were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glazier and family.

Miss Alma Pitten returned to Stanton Tuesday. She has been helping her aunt, Mrs. Amelia Noddins, who certainly enjoys getting around some with the aid of crutches and is hoping soon to be able to walk without them. She wishes to thank her many friends for flowers, cards, and all kindnesses shown her during the 14 weeks she was a shut-in with a broken hip.

Chub Olmstead of Grand Lodge was a guest of relatives and friends from Saturday till Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamman of Belding called on their daughter, Mrs. Sam Clemens while on their way to Long Lake Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Purdy and Mrs. M. H. Purdy of Camp Custer were Sunday guests of the latter's grandmother, Mrs. H. M. Purdy and family. Carl does not expect to stay at Camp Custer much longer as the boys are preparing to go any time.

Mrs. Delia Spaulding and Miss Jennie Crippen have spent several months with the former's daughter, Mrs. Allie Mares of North Dakota returned Monday and are welcomed home by many friends.

Mrs. Al Comstock and son, Ralph of Bushnell visited her brothers, Sherwood and Will Noddins Wednesday.

Ray Weeks of Smyrna accompanied E. C. Hoppough to Flint Tuesday. They drove home two new Chevrolet cars which are sold.

Mrs. Clark Hoppough who has been ill, was able to visit her daughter, Mrs. Gardner Howard of Fairplains Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Robertson and daughter, Margaret attended the Country club which they enjoyed very much, at Ionia on Thursday.

Robert Wardrop was in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Justice Beadle of Evart came Friday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Fuller Christensen and other relatives.

Mrs. Egbert Comstock of Ronald called on Mrs. Frank Hoppough Saturday.

Bessie Martin of Ronald visited her sister, Mrs. Levi Howe, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harter and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bambrugh of Ronald called on Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Somers Sunday.

Sam Rhodes moved his family to Ionia Monday and their friends will miss them very much.

Mrs. Vera Olmstead and children returned to Fenwick Monday after a ten days' visit here.

Mad Morgan is unable to attend his work because of a bad knee which makes it very hard for him as well as his patrons. We hope it will be of short duration.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Young visited Camp Custer Sunday.

Children's day exercises which were held in the M. E. church Sunday evening proved pleasing to all. The church was well filled with people and the decoration of crepe paper and peonies and other flowers made it look beautiful and all appreciated the efforts of the committee.

Mrs. White and daughter Edith spent a day with Mrs. Henry Young last week.

MONTICALL NEWS

The children's day exercises at Monticall church were well attended, the decorations were very nice and the exercises were fine and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nelson and son, Peter and Thomas Thompson of Sidney and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nelson and son, Victor of Greenville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nelson.

Fred Stokes assisting his brother Glenn of Lincoln Lake with his farm work this week.

Mrs. Anna Despelder of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minns and son Fred of the Settlement and Mr. and Mrs. Will Ewart and children of West State road were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marie Despelder and attended services at the Monticall church.

Miss Minnie Dolph of Greenville will close her year of school in the Brown district this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Stokes and son, Wm. were callers at Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roddy's last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mattie Green, mother of Victor and Emmet Green, is very near death's door at the U. M. hospital in Greenville, having undergone a very serious operation.

Little Charles Henry Martin is home from the hospital and is recovering very nicely.

Miss Ruth Allen is entertaining Liberty measles this week.

A number of ladies and 14 babies met at Mrs. Howard Despelder's last Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being a shower for five of the babies.

Pomona Meeting Postponed.

Berlin grange will entertain the Ionia county Pomona June 27. We would like to see a good attendance from Belding Grange as a prize of \$5 is offered for the largest percentage of membership. The Belding Grange will hold their next meeting June 22 in the evening. Program as follows: Song, roll call, "Have improvements in farm house keeping kept pace with those on the farm. Reports of Pomona meeting, Mrs. Lena Thompson; surprise feature, Herbert Ross, song.

Nellie Ross, Lecturer.

SMYRNA

Loren Purdy of Ionia is here visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Helen Purdy a few days this week. Loren has enlisted and leaves Friday to join the company he is to be with.

Mrs. Carl Hoppough came Friday night for a visit at the home of Geo. Hoppough.

The Macabees memorial services were not very well attended as only a few members were present to listen to the fine address given by Elder Ellis. The singing was fine and was by Lottie Compton, A. L. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. John Tebbel, Chas. Condon and Louis Peterson, with Miss Cora Hoppough at the piano. The hall looked very pretty in green and white. We wish more of our members will be interested in our memorial work next year.

John Purdy has a new car. Born, Sunday, June 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Slayton a nice baby girl. Dr. Stanton reports mother and baby as doing fine.

About 50 from near Moseley went to Camp Custer last Sunday. All report the sight as being fine but sad.

Mrs. Herb Mehney and sister, Mrs. Eva Caswell spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Grand Rapids, guests of A. L. Holcomb.

Miss Mabel Brown spent Sunday in Orleans with her parents.

Ira Richmond received word Saturday that their son, Fred, who was in Kansas City, Mo., had enlisted and had passed and left for Philadelphia where he is waiting to be sent to the navy which will be soon.

Miss Julia Richmond is entertaining the mumps.

Dr. Vandenberg of Grand Rapids was a caller at the home of Dr. Penton last Sunday.

Marvin Penton of Detroit is here visiting his uncle, Dr. Penton and family.

The pupils of the Button and Mason schools had a spelling contest on Tuesday at the Mason school. Misses Clara Byrne and Eugenia Mehney of the Button school stood up the longest. A number of parents of the pupils were present and a fine time had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanks were in Belding Wednesday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Van Every in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks took dinner with Ray Ring and family and supper with Mr. and Mrs. Trum Currie, all of Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks visited Orin Hanks and wife Sunday.

LONG LAKE

The closing day exercises of the Chittell school were held Wednesday and on Thursday the school picnic was held in Heth's pavilion and Marie Dodson, Helena Schultz and Virginia Hall presented their teacher, Miss Elizabeth Sontag, with a very nice lavallier as a farewell token from the school.

The Long Lake Aid held their dinner in Heth's pavilion Thursday, and all guests sat down to a well filled table and the way everything disappeared proved to show that the ladies know how to get up those aid dinners.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rork of Palo and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rork of Pittsburg, Pa., spent Friday in the Rork cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond of Belding are spending several weeks in their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and children of Grand Rapids are spending a week in the Way cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelly were over from Orleans Friday to spend the day in their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stein and Miss Emma Clark spent Thursday at the lake.

A very large crowd attended the dance last Saturday night. The music was fine and Mr. Heth announced there would be a dance every Saturday night.

The largest crowd of the season was at the lake last Sunday. A great many boats were on the lake and several of the cottages were occupied.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reed of Maple Rapids who have been spending their honeymoon at the lake the past week, went to Chicago Monday for a visit.

Mrs. Lena Graham of Portland, Me., and mother, Mrs. Gupitill and Elmer Gupitill were guests of Miss Minnie Leetch Sunday in her cottage, "Vacation Days."

Mr. and Mrs. Plyn Earle of Grand Rapids spent Sunday in the Earle cottage on the Branch side.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Witt of Marysville, Wash., Miss Lola Foree of Corning, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Little of Palo, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eaves of Belding, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Eaves of Palo and Miss Irene Eaves of Rochester, N. Y., spent Sunday at the lake, having a basket picnic in the park.

Elliott Millard and little daughter, Melvina, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Steadman.

The boys of the senior class of Belding high school entertained the girls of the class at a marshmallow roast Thursday evening at the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cowan entertained Mrs. Royal Hawley's Sunday school class Friday evening in their cottage. A fine supper was served in cafeteria style. Several selections were played on the victrola.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reimer spent Sunday in the Reimer cottage.

Mrs. Mary Idlebus, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Snow and Zava, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Horriggan and Helena spent Sunday at the lake.

Jeff Way, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Way and Laurence were up for over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kiraheman and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kiraheman and little daughter were up for over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McCarty and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cronkrite of Watonga, Okla., are spending a week in the Stevenson cottage, "Lookout."

Grandpa Lambertson caught two fine pike last week.

Eleanor Kern went to Bay City on Saturday to spend her vacation with her grandparents.

Charles Edmonds has sold his farm and moved north of Orleans in the Frank Hale house.

Frank Heth and daughter, Eleanor were here over Sunday from Grand Rapids.

Don't wait to be urged to join the W. S. S. army. What if our men in the trenches waited to be urged?

BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and daughter Helen visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Sunday afternoon. Helen recited two pieces showing she has had good training.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Couchman of Fairplains called on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wiley Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lydia Towne went to Lakeview Wednesday to visit relatives and from there to Cadillac to visit other relatives and friends. Her cousin will return home with her for a visit.

Mrs. Geo. Phillips visited Mrs. Henry Dibble Friday afternoon.

M. L. Howe and Ernest Anderson motored to Grand Rapids Saturday on business. Mrs. Anderson and son Roy J. visited at home that day.

Mrs. Geo. Wiley was with Mrs. M. L. Howe Saturday afternoon.

Chas. Hathaway of Alma visited Clarence Snow and family over Sunday.

Through the kindness of my friend, E. C. Lloyd, I was able to go to the Farmers' club at Mrs. O. A. Nummer's last week Thursday. He came after me in his nice easy riding car and at 5 o'clock he and Miss Etta Simple came out and took supper and visited a while with the club members and then took Mr. and Mrs. Howe home. To say that I enjoyed the ride and seeing the nice crops and then to meet with my friends is putting it mildly. I enjoyed every moment of the afternoon and also the nice ride. My friends all seemed so glad to see me and I'm sure I was glad to meet with them; it had been over a year since I met with them. Mrs. Leach was there and we all were so glad to see her. Hope she will go again.

Geo. Phillips, Jr., cut his foot quite badly Sunday, splitting wood. It is not a serious cut.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chickering and Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne and daughter, Lela, and son, Herbert, motored to Emmons lake and to Pine Island and Slayton lakes Sunday. They enjoyed the day sight-seeing.

Emory Chickering lost a fine mare last week. It was in the stall with a concrete floor and it couldn't get up and broke a blood vessel. It was the mate to the one he gave \$500 for a few years ago and is a great loss.

Mrs. Will Cave of Belding called on Mrs. Milo Towne Sunday afternoon.

Miss Olive Curtis started to school Monday morning. She has been ill.

Daniel Snow was a caller at Mr. Wright's Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Chickering is staying with her mother, Mrs. Johnson a few weeks as her mother is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne and Lela and Herbert visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snow Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Clyde Cooper and daughter, Kathryn and Mrs. Dell Cobb and Mrs. Knott Cobb motored to Smyrna Friday night to attend the Red Cross supper. This report an excellent time.

Mrs. Geo. Hopkins of Greenville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hite Eckert from Thursday till Friday and said her visit was not near long enough.

Clarence Snow was a caller on Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chickering and Mrs. Howard Chickering and daughter, Helen, motored to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Chickering's Saturday evening and found him quite cheerful. They took him some fish to eat which pleased him.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cobb visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wiley Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy King and granddaughter, Esther King spent the day with Mrs. M. L. Howe, Tuesday.

Mrs. Clyde Cooper and daughter, Katherine, attended children's day exercises at the Methodist church on Sunday and said they were excellent.

Mrs. Geo. Wiley was the dinner guest of her sister, Mrs. Will Cobb Monday.

Mrs. Will Wilson attended the closing day of the Ladies' Literary club at Mrs. W. B. Reed's Friday and had a 2 o'clock luncheon and of course all had a good time.

WOLVERTON PLAINS

Mr. and Mrs. Stage of Grand Rapids were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lillie Saturday night and Sunday they were all guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lillie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wise and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wise and children motored to Belding Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bridgegroom and daughter of Owosso were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Green from Friday till Sunday. Miss Lottie Green accompanied them home for a visit.

Miss Ruth Green is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Galloway in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lackz were Sunday callers at Ward Schooley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Galloway were the Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green.

EUREKA-FAIRPLAINS

Mrs. Parker called on Mrs. Spencer Monday evening.

The ladies of the Red Cross met at Mrs. Gardner Howland's last week and next time a Mrs. Peterson's.

John Spencer and wife visited at Glenn Spencer's Sunday and called on other friends.

Clarice and Harold Lyndrup were confirmed last Sunday at Greenville.

Roy Parker called on Shorty Peterson Monday evening.

Otto Rasmussen worked for John Spencer a couple of days and then Miss Carrie Mason and Mr. Fred Olsen were married last week Wednesday. We wish them all kinds of good luck and happiness.

Mr. Otto Rasmussen visited her parents near Sidney Center last week.

Miss Alfreda Mason's school closed Friday.

A Continuous Performance.

An elderly gentleman, who had never seen a football game, was persuaded by a young enthusiast to attend a gridiron contest.

"Now," said the young man, as they started for the game, "you will see more excitement for a dollar and a half than you ever saw before."

"I have my doubts about that," replied the elderly gentleman. "That's all my marriage license cost me."

BARTONVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lee entertained Mr. and Mrs. Will Annis and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kennedy of Belding Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Norton motored to Crystal Lake Sunday and enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walter and Carl Geiger and wife and Wright Gardner motored to Camp Custer Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Bowen and children visited the latter part of the week with her mother, Mrs. F. J. Richmond.

The school children went to the Mason schoolhouse and competed with the Mason children in a spelling contest, Tuesday.

Mrs. Stephen McCleary has been enjoying a visit from her mother.

OTISCO ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sykes of Easton visited Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reeves and three children, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Belding visited Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hubbard.

Mrs. Clara Gardner and daughter, Mary of Smyrna visited her sister, Mrs. C. L. Brown Sunday.

Carlton Reeves of Orleans visited Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cartridge and son, Dale, Mr. and Mrs. John Bunderman of Ionia went to Grand Rapids to visit over Sunday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Kohler.

Mrs. Fred Benton of East Otisco visited Thursday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Donner.

Mrs. N. Mehney attended a birthday party Wednesday afternoon at Smyrna for Mrs. Hull.

Lawrence Gardner of Smyrna spent Monday with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown.

John Swann left Tuesday for Montana expecting to locate there.

Shafter arbor will have the next meeting in the Gleaser hall Thursday evening, June 20.

GRATTAN

Mrs. Gladys Watkins returned to Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday. She was called here to attend the funeral of her father, James Stanton.

Miss Rhea Morehouse of Cedar Springs was the guest of Miss Evelyn Brownell last week.

Mrs. Mate Fish of Belding has moved into the Luther Elkins house. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ballard and Robert Ballard of Cedar Springs were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brownell Sunday.

Miss Edna Brownell received on Monday taking the school census.

Miss Grayce Foy is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hubert Bookey. Miss Foy will go to Chicago next week to consult an eye specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bookey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rowland near Rockford Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Engle of Grand Rapids is caring for Mrs. Ida Matice.

Mrs. Carrie Smith of Arizona came Monday to visit a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. Norton. She will make an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Rowland.

Mrs. Ruth Burbano received an announcement of the arrival of a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Westcott of Casnovia.

The mother was formerly Miss Carrie Brooks of his place. The little lady is named for her great-grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Brook.

There will be Sunday school at the M. E. church Sunday at 9 a. m. and preaching at 7 p. m. You are invited to come and bring your friends.

The regular social of the L. A. S. will be held with Mrs. G. M. Spencer Thursday afternoon. Supper will be served to which you are invited.

Mrs. Maude Bookey and Mrs. Will Hulse were Greenville shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bear and son Randall of Grand Rapids were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brooks Sunday.

Henry Tuthill is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Donovan for a few days.

Little Helen Donovan has recovered nicely from her operation and was able to be brought home Saturday.

Paul Spicer of Camp Custer spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. E. E. Lessiter and called on other friends.

Miss May Norton of Grand Rapids called on her grandfather, A. A. Norton and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McNaughton attended the Ashley children's day exercises Sunday and were dinner guests of his brother, John and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitten of Harvard spent Sunday with the latter's brother, E. E. Lessiter and family.

OAKFIELD

The children's day exercises at the M. E. church were well attended and each one did their part well.

The Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Clyde Reynolds Thursday afternoon.

Seth Partridge, Frank Bhwman and their wives, Mrs. W. D. Sanders motored to Holland Tuesday and had a very pleasant visit at the home of A. M. Galentine. Mrs. Sanders remained for a few days with her daughter and the rest returned on Wednesday night.

A service flag for the boys who have gone from Oakfield will be dedicated at the M. E. church Friday evening, June 14. Rev. J. C. Willets of Grand Rapids will deliver the address. Let everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mahaffy of Wilmington, Del., arrived Thursday night to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Childs.

Fred Williams of Reed City is spending a few days with his brother, James Williams and family.

NORTH EASTON

Miss Neva Holcomb of Ionia visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dey E. Holcomb, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown of Belding, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brown and two children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Krick.

Will Bolts and sister, Mary Smith of Belding were Sunday callers on Hattie Dooxey.

Mrs. Myrta Cox and two children returned to Ionia Tuesday after several days' visit with her mother, Mrs. Ada Snyder and grandmother, Mrs. Abbie Parmeter.

Mrs. Levi Krick is visiting relatives at Chadwick, Belding and Brink this week.

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